

REMARKS

Examination of the present divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) based on the above newly added claims is respectfully requested.

The present application is a division of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/525,514 (the "parent application"), filed March 15, 2000. In the present preliminary amendment, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d)(4), Applicant has requested deletion of inventors who are not inventors of the presently claimed subjected matter but were originally named inventors in the parent application.

The specification has been amended to cross-reference the related applications and to eliminate grammatical errors. New claims 1 – 20 have been canceled without prejudice and new claims 21 – 38 have been added. New claims 21 – 38 are directed to, for example, the fifth embodiment of the present invention shown in FIGS. 13A – 13E.

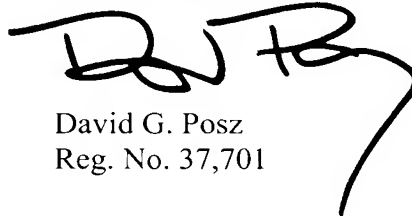
Support for new claims 21 – 38 can be found, for example, on pages 17 – 19.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Although no additional fees are believed to be due, permission is hereby given to charge any unforeseen fees to deposit account 50-1147.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED SPECIFICATION

[This application is] The present application is a division of Application Serial No. 09/525,514, filed on March 6, 2002, entitled SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME BY DICING, which is based upon and claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-76566 filed on March 19, 1999, and No. 11-196345 filed on July 9, 1999, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.